

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 30 is amended. The amendment introduces no new matter. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, states claims 1-29, 31 and 32 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the allowance of these claims.

The Office Action, in paragraph 2, rejects claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,823,991 to Skorka. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Skorka teaches an apparatus with a separate pump piston defining two separate chambers of two pumps (col. 1, lines 55-57). The two pump chambers 22, 23 are shown, for example, in Fig. 3 of Skorka.

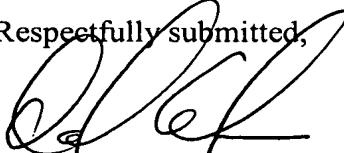
Claim 30 recites, among other features, a moving assembly movable relative to the pump body and co-operating therewith to form only a single pump chamber of variable volume. Skorka neither teaches nor suggests only a single pump chamber, as is positively recited, among other features, in claim 30.

For at least this reason, Skorka cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of all of the features positively recited in claim 30.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Skorka are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 30, in addition to the allowance of claims 1-29, 31 and 32, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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